

**MARICOPA INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEM HEALTH PLANS
PROTOCOL**

SUBJECT: Carotid Endarterectomy	Protocol #: PA P144.01 Protocol Pages: 1 Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Effective Date: June 1999 Latest Review Date: May 2002
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PURPOSE: The purpose of this protocol is to state the Prior Authorization Criteria that the Medical Management Department will use as it pertains to Carotid Endarterectomy.

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- A. Carotid Endarterectomy
ICD9: 39.12
CPT: 35300
LOS: IP, 3 days

- B. The prior-authorization specialist may approve if **all** the following are present:
 - 1. Seventy (70) percent, or more, stenosis of the internal carotid artery, demonstrated by carotid angiogram;
 - 2. Symptoms attributable to the internal carotid artery stenosis while on medical therapy;
 - 3. Potential for independent living following surgery;
 - 4. Capable of understanding and giving informed consent for surgery and
 - 5. Good surgical candidate (i.e. no serious co-morbid conditions, unstable cardiovascular disease, etc.).

Note: Please refer authorized cases to Utilization Management for adequate discharge planning.

- C. This criteria is a guideline for prior authorization and does not represent a standard of practice or care.

- D. This protocol addresses medical coverage issues only and does not review individual benefit coverage issues. In order to issue an authorization number, the procedure must meet medical guidelines and benefit coverage guidelines under the specific plan.

- E. If requirements are not met, Medical Director review is required.

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